



State of California – The Resources Agency
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION

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NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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TO: Office of Planning and Research
1400 Tenth Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

FROM: Department of Parks and Recreation
Northern Buttes District
400 Glen Drive
Oroville, CA 95966

PROJECT TITLE: Vista Point Road Fire Safe Zone and Shaded Fuel Break

LOCATION: Castle Crags State Park

COUNTY: Shasta

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT: Create a defensible space zone and a shaded fuel break in two phases along Vista Point Road in Castle Crags State Park to improve public safety in the event of wildfires.

PHASE 1: Vista Point Fire Safe Zone- create a defensible space zone extending up to 330ft from the edge of the parking lot's perimeter. Establish a safe zone by: felling trees and shrubs that are dead, poor vigor, overlapping driplines, perform canopy thinning, and limb branches up to 10ft above ground. Additional work will remove several large trees adjacent to clearing radius that are obstructing the view shed.

PHASE 2: Vista Point Road Shaded Fuel Break-From entry kiosk to Fire Safe Zone- Selectively remove fire fuels, 100ft on either side of road for 2miles to provide safe ingress/egress to Vista Point parking lot during wildfires. Work will remove trees less than 12"dbh, limb 10ft from ground, and remove close shrubs and undergrowth. Additional work will spot-treat resprouts with RoundUp Pro, a Caution-label herbicide, and a control burned with low intensity ground fire at a later date.
-Tree boles will be used for firewood use in park, slash will be pile burned, chipped and/or incinerated.

This Project supersedes State Clearinghouse #2013058273, posted 5/22/2013

PUBLIC AGENCY APPROVING THE PROJECT: California Department of Parks and Recreation

NAME OF DIVISION OR DISTRICT CARRYING OUT THE PROJECT: Northern Buttes District

EXEMPT STATUS:

- ☐ Declared Emergency (Section 15269(a))
- ☐ Emergency Project (Section 15269(b) and (c))
- ☐ Statutory Exemption (Section)
- ☒ Categorical Exemption

Class: 4

Section: 15304

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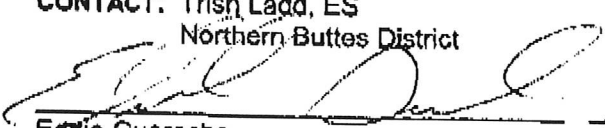
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REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT: This project consist of minor alterations to park land and vegetation which do not involve removal of health, mature, scenic trees except for forestry purposes, and is included as "fuel management activities" in the Department of Parks and Recreation's list of exempt activities, in accordance with CCR §15300.4.

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